

## BRYAN STILL LEADS

Reported Opposition to Him Fails to Appear.

## WORD HAS NOT BEEN SPOKEN

Rumor that a few Democratic Senators would tell Mr. Bryan to withdraw from Presidential race not confirmed—Dinner at Senator Newland's residence ends tale.

William Jennings Bryan, at the conclusion of the Senatorial supper given by Senator Newlands, of Nevada, to the Nebraska leader and the Senators who happen to come upon the latter half of the alphabetical roll, found himself still the most popular man, so far as the Democratic Presidential nomination is concerned, that has yet been mentioned.

Although it has been asserted and reiterated that Mr. Bryan was to be told, while he was in Washington, and told probably at one of the two dinners which have been given by Senator Newlands, that he must give place to some other Democrat in the Presidential contest, there is but little question that the word has not been given to him.

The very fact that no one could be found to act as the spokesman of the few Senators who apparently do not wish to see Mr. Bryan lead the party once again is taken to mean that any defection, if any there was, is of a passing nature.

Has Paid Little Attention.

Mr. Bryan himself has seemingly paid but little attention to the report that he was to be notified that he must withdraw while here, but there is no doubt that he was prepared at any time to do so, if "the guardians of the party" really should have made such a demand.

Any mutterings among certain Southern Democratic Senators concerning Mr. Bryan failed to come forth in his presence last night, as they had failed to come forth the night before. The dinner, it is understood, was devoted to the discussion of the party's chances, but not a word was authoritatively spoken about Mr. Bryan's withdrawal.

The guests at the second dinner, that of last night, in addition to Mr. Bryan, were Senators McKelvey, McLaughlin, Martin, Money, Overman, Owen, Payson, Rayner, Simmons, Stone, Taliaferro, Taylor, Tillman, and Whyte. Senator Teller was not present.

Mr. Bryan spent a part of yesterday at the Capitol, where he again discussed the situation with Democratic members of both the House and Senate.

Mr. Bryan was almost constantly the center of a group of Congressmen. He spent a large portion of his time in the committee room of the House Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Bryan will visit his daughter, who is in school at Roanoke, Va., to-day, and will probably return to Washington to-morrow. His plans beyond his arrival here to-morrow are not definitely settled, but it is possible that he will be here for a short time after that date.

## BRYAN GOING TO NEW YORK.

Nebraska Is Scheduled for Two Speeches in Metropolis.

New York, Jan. 28.—William J. Bryan will speak twice in this city next week. He will address the Civic Forum, in Carnegie Hall, on Tuesday night, and, at the same time, his press agents here said to-day, would be "Thou shalt not steal." On the following night he will be present at a dinner given by the Economic Club, and will then make a speech on "Finance."

As a sort of antidote to the preachings of Mr. Bryan, the National Democratic Club, whose members think that with Mr. Bryan as a candidate there is no chance of the Democratic carrying this State, will give a dinner February 12, to provide more literature on "conservative Democratic doctrines" for distribution throughout the State. The principal speaker will be D. Cady Herlick, who will take for his topic, "The essentials of Democracy."

## NEW SHELL IS FORMIDABLE.

Arranged to Strike Ships Below the Water Line.

Word was received here last night from Newport that a trial made there yesterday of a new high explosive torpedo shell, invented by Lieut. Commander Cleveland Davis, of the navy, had been successful to a high degree.

The ordinary torpedo is detonated when piercing a vessel, and is attached to a trigger, which is detonated when it strikes the target, and explodes inside the vessel. The Davis torpedo shell is so designed that when it strikes a vessel the shell is propelled forward into the ship, and by a time fuse arrangement explodes inside.

The Davis claims that the test demonstrated that a high explosive shell can be placed in the vitals of a battle ship beneath the water line, and that it will compel a change in battle-ship construction so as to provide for armor on the under-water hull.

## CHURCH PUBLISHES BOOK.

Account of Work of St. John's Parish Given in Detail.

A year book has been published by St. John's Church, of this city, giving a complete account of the work of the parish for the year ending December 1, 1907. A complete history of St. John's orphanage, under the direction of Miss Sarah Huntington, is also given.

During the year there were forty-six baptisms, fifty-six confirmations, twenty-one marriages, and thirty-two burials. The report of the treasurer, Gen. B. C. Card, shows the finances of the parish to be in a healthy condition.

The officers of the parish are: Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, rector; Rev. Edward Slater Dunlap and Rev. Frank H. Bigelow, assistant ministers; Rev. Oscar L. Mitchell, vicar; H. H. Freeman and Ernest Amos, choristers.

The wardens are Hon. A. B. Hagner and Hon. Melville W. Fuller. The vestrymen are Dr. Robert Reayburn, Gen. George L. Cillepie, Mr. Edward McCauley, Rear Admiral Charles H. Stockton, Gen. B. C. Card, Mr. Henry E. Fellow, Surgeon General Rixey, and Hon. A. B. Hagner.

## AN IMPORTANT RULING.

Interstate Commerce Commission Decides on Plate-Glass Rates.

An important ruling involving an alleged unjust discrimination in freight rates against domestic shippers of plate glass in favor of import shipments, was handed down yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The ruling was brought out by complaints made by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., against the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis Railway Company and the Illinois Central Railroad Company.

The complaints alleged that unjust discrimination in rates against domestic shippers of plate glass in favor of import shipments was made, because the rates on the former are relatively higher than the inland rail proportion of the total charge from the point of origin in a foreign country. The Commission holds that under the law as interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States in the import rate case, the Commission cannot consider such disparity in rates alone as constituting unjust discrimination. The complaints in these proceedings were dismissed without prejudice. The Commission denied, also, that it was its duty to look at the circumstances and conditions affecting the parties involved, not only in this country but in the entire field of commerce, here and abroad.

## THORP FAILS TO GET \$10,000

Court Overrules Writer's Demurrer Against Cortelyou.

Professor Now Must Await Congressional Decision for Payment for Manuscript.

Justice Wright, in Circuit Court No. 1, yesterday overruled a demurrer filed by Attorney Hamilton, Colbert and Yerkes. The action was in behalf of Prof. Francis N. Thorp, of Mt. Holly, N. J., a member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, in the petition filed by him for a writ of mandamus to compel the Secretary of the Treasury to pay him \$10,000 for a manuscript of "Laws, Customs, and Constitutions of the States and Territories," compiled by the professor and furnished the Public Printer.

The demurrer was filed to answer the government. The book in question is one originally compiled by Gen. Perkins Moore, and provision in an act of June 20, 1893, appropriating the sum of \$20,000, to be paid to Prof. Thorp to bring it up to date. In his petition for a writ of mandamus he stated that he had furnished the manuscript to the Public Printer, but notwithstanding this, Secretary Cortelyou declined to pay him the money, giving as a reason that it was not complete.

Prof. Thorp stated that the manuscript was complete, and that Secretary Cortelyou's duties in the premises were purely ministerial, and he was withholding the money without warrant of law.

District Attorney Baker and Assistant District Attorney McNamara filed an answer to this petition, in the course of which they set up that the Secretary had been advised by certain members of Congress that the manuscript was not in all details the manuscript agreed to be purchased, and that the act of Congress providing for the purchase was a legislative contract, and that Prof. Thorp had not complied with the terms of the contract in that he had not delivered the identical specific thing which Congress agreed to buy.

Prof. Thorp's attorneys demurred to this answer on the ground that the Secretary's answer was not a sufficient defense to his claim, and that it was immaterial whether the members of Congress thought of the completeness of the manuscript. The case will now be heard on its merits and testimony taken.

The Committee on Appropriations has incorporated in the urgency deficiency bill a clause which provides that the money shall not be paid to Prof. Thorp until the manuscript has been approved by the joint committee on the library.

## ARRESTED IN HAVANA.

Cuban Police Notify Washington of Arrest of George Whitfield.

The police authorities yesterday received a telegram from Chief Jerez, of the secret police of Havana, Cuba, telling of the arrest of George Whitfield, alias Moore, alias Spencer, an Englishman, who is wanted in this city on charges of making false pretenses.

In May, 1906, Whitfield is alleged to have visited Washington steamship offices to procure round trip tickets to Europe, giving as payment checks of from \$50 to \$500. In each case he received from \$25 to \$30 change.

He is now alleged to have been forgeries. A reply was sent to Havana stating that if the authorities at that place would hold the man, an officer with the necessary papers would be sent for him.

## MARRIED AT ANACOSTIA.

Miss Mary O'Brien Becomes Bride of Daniel Courtney.

Daniel A. Courtney, who is connected with the business department of The Washington Herald, and Miss Mary A. O'Brien were married at St. Theresa's Church, Anacostia, last evening, by the Rev. M. P. Eagan.

The bride wore a blue traveling gown with a picture hat to match, and carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Helen O'Brien, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and M. W. Flinn, of The Washington Herald, was best man.

After the ceremony, a wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Albert Soper, 112 Washington street, Anacostia.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney will make their home at 715 North Capitol street, in this city.

## Col. Lippincott Dies.

Col. Henry A. Lippincott, U. S. A., retired, died in New York Saturday last. He was a native of Nova Scotia, having been born there September 22, 1829, and in 1856 entered the army as an assistant surgeon, and retired September 22, 1907, with the grade of colonel.

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## DIES IN A HOSPITAL

A. F. Bloomer, Printer, Succumbs to Lung Illness.

## WAS WELL KNOWN AND LIKED

Proficient in His Trade, He Was Recognized as One of the Most Valuable Employees of the Government Printing Office—An Editor of Congressional Record and Able Writer.

Arthur Finley Bloomer, one of the oldest and certainly one of the best-known printers in the District of Columbia, died at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning in the Sibley Hospital of uremic poisoning.

Mr. Bloomer had been in the hospital almost continuously since last November, but had improved steadily until a few days ago.

Last Wednesday he was so much better that he believed himself able to go back to his duties in the Government Printing Office. He left the hospital, and proceeded to his home at 643 Second street northeast. Before he could make all his arrangements to go back to take up his work at the government shop he was again taken violently ill, and had to be removed hurriedly to the hospital in a carriage.

Since that time his condition had been unfavorable, although his friends had continued to hope until shortly before his death. His wife and his one daughter are in Munich, Bavaria, where the latter is completing her musical education.

## A Native of Indiana.

Mr. Bloomer was born near Terre Haute, Ind., in January, 1851, but when he was about six years old he was taken by his father, with the rest of the family, to the then virgin Territory of Kansas. From six until fourteen years of age young Bloomer spent his time in school, but when he reached the latter age he entered a newspaper office in Topeka and began to learn the printer's trade. From that time until he came to this city, with the exception of the few years spent continuously in Topeka, Mr. Bloomer wandered about the country, a typical journeyman printer. He had worked in almost every State in the Union east of the Mississippi, and not a few west of that great stream.

In 1871, when he was twenty-two years old, Mr. Bloomer came to Washington, where he took a position as compositor on the Congressional Record, which he resigned to become assistant foreman on the old National Republican. In 1880 he was made foreman of the composing room of that paper.

In 1882 Mr. Bloomer again entered the government service in the Government Printing Office. He was one of the most valuable employees of that institution, as well as one of the oldest. He was an editor of the Congressional Record, and was regarded as one of the best men at this work in the government service.

## Well Known as Writer.

In addition to his work at the Government Printing Office, Mr. Bloomer was a writer known to a large circle of readers, particularly fellow-Masons. He was almost a regular contributor to the labor journals and to the American-Tyler-Keystone, a Masonic publication. His articles in both the labor journals and the Masonic organ were widely commented upon and highly esteemed.

Mr. Bloomer had an exceptionally large acquaintance among printers and Masons of the District. He was possessed of a quick humor, a kindly spirit, which made him hundreds of friends. He was a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 17, Columbia Chapter, No. 1, Orient Commandery, No. 5, Washington Council, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, and the United Temple of the Order of the Mystic Shrine.

The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock to-morrow morning at the undertaking establishment, and will be in charge of Harmony Lodge and Orient Commandery, with the other Masonic organizations of which Mr. Bloomer was a member participating.

Mr. A. W. Johnston, grand secretary of the Masons of the District, called the news of Mr. Bloomer's death to his wife and daughter yesterday, but last night had received no reply. The body, which is received from Bavaria, no disposition will be made of the body. It is possible it will be interred in the Masonic lot in Glenwood Cemetery.

## NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Maccabees Hold Ball in Temple in Honor of Event.

Mount Vernon Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees, installed newly elected officers in office last night and gave a ball in honor of the event in Pythian Temple, Ninth street, near Massachusetts avenue. Past Commander Mrs. Mary Van Ness was presented with a diamond pin and several pieces of cut glass and flowers by the members of the order as she retired from office. Mrs. Van Ness was commander of the Mount Vernon Hive for four years and is also deputy State commander of the District of Columbia and Maryland.

Many members of the Mount Vernon Hive drill team, the champion team of the District, were present and gave an exhibition.

The officers installed last night were: Commander, Mrs. Mattie L. Senay; lieutenant commander, Mrs. Margaret Griffin; record keeper, Miss Edith Van Ness; finance auditor, Miss Lillian Grey; sergeant, Mrs. C. I. Willey; mistress at arms, Mrs. Theresa Pardo; chaplain, Mrs. Anna Croft; official prompter, Mrs. M. Carter; sentry, Mrs. Hannah Smith; picket, Mrs. Robert; captain of the guards, Miss Francis Robert; banner bearers, Mrs. Mary Cahill, Mrs. A. Perry, and Mrs. Olive Perry.

**Death of an Old Resident.**  
Mrs. Mary Doty Collier, who died in this city on January 25 in her seventy-fifth year, was the widow of Edwin S. Collier, who died here July 3, 1905, in his seventy-eighth year. They had lived in Washington since 1881, and are survived by a son, Newton L., and a daughter, H. Lenore. Mr. Collier was born in Schenectady, N. Y., where they were married in 1852, and their golden wedding was celebrated in Washington in 1902. The funeral of Mrs. Collier occurred last Monday at Glenwood Cemetery. Rev. Dr. Charles Alvin Smith, pastor of the Peck Memorial Church, officiating.

**Reads Paper on Schools.**  
At a meeting of the trustees of the Lutheran Industrial Educational Association, at the residence of Judge Seth Shepard, 1447 Massachusetts avenue, Mrs. Martha Gleason read a report of her inspection of the mission schools of North Carolina. She said the State had failed to provide schools in the mountain districts, but the churches had established them and the work was growing.

**To Prevent the Grip.**  
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. "Take it only once a day." Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. See.

**CALL ON PRESIDENT.**  
Gompers and Low Present Resolutions on Trusts.

Seth Low, of New York; Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and James O'Connell called upon the President yesterday to present a copy of the resolutions adopted at the national conference on combinations and trusts at Chicago last October. The resolutions make general recommendations in regard to trust and railway legislation.

Mr. Gompers said, after leaving the White House, that he did not care to discuss the decision of the Supreme Court in the case affecting discrimination against union labor.

**SIGN IN POWERS' BEHALF.**  
Employees of Pension Office Request Release of Kentuckian.

Eight hundred employees of the Pension Office have signed a petition to the pardoning commission of Kentucky, asking that Caleb Powers, who has been tried four times for the assassination of Gov. William Goebel, be liberated.

It took only three days to get the signatures of almost every employee in the office. Two hundred and fifty signatures were secured on the first day. The petition states the signers are convinced Powers is innocent.

## POLICE STILL AT SEA

Without a Single Clue to Reid Murder.

## SUSPECTS PROVE INNOCENCE

Four Days' Work Resultant in Nothing but Exploded Theories—Believe Saloon Keeper Was the Victim of a Well-Laid Plot to Take His Life—Two Men Are Held.

A blood-stained oyster knife, an old white felt hat, the description of a gold watch that is missing, and numerous exploded theories were everything that the police had to show last night as the result of their four days of diligent search for a clue to the murder of Henry W. Reid.

They confessed that they were as much at loss concerning the identity of the murderer of the former saloon keeper as they were when first summoned to the house, 21 F street northwest, early Saturday morning, to find the mutilated body lying in a snow bank.

Theories which at first indicated important developments when followed out have profited nothing. Hours have been spent by the detectives investigating even the slightest thing that might lead to a clue. Persons who have left full remarks which might seem the least bit suspicious have been detained, questioned, and then released, leaving the detectives just where they were when they started.

When Arthur Montgomery and Richard Brightman confessed early yesterday morning, following their arrest, that they had gone to the establishment of W. M. Keys, at 65 H street northwest, to have an oyster knife sharpened, the police believed that they had at last struck a clue which might prove important. Yesterday, however, it was shown without a doubt that the knife which had been in the possession of the two negroes on that day was not the one with which Reid was killed. Accordingly, the two men were released.

**Held Two Suspects.**  
The police now have in custody but two prisoners. One is Charles Phillips, a colored porter employed by Reid, who was arrested on the night of the murder, and James Parker, colored, who was arrested at a late hour last night pending the investigation of the case. He is being held at the Fourth precinct station.

The only arrest which has profited the police anything is that of Theodore O. Bumbrey, colored. Bumbrey was arrested by the authorities of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad on suspicion of being implicated in the Reid murder. He was turned over to the Baltimore police, and yesterday Detective Vermillion went to that city to have a look at him.

Although Bumbrey showed that he had no connection with the Reid murder, he was, nevertheless, brought back to this city, as he is wanted here on the charge of forging the name of O. D. Morris, colored, of 1605 Eleventh street northwest, to checks amounting to \$10. The negro is said to have confessed having prepared the bogus checks. He will probably be given a hearing within a few days.

That Henry Reid was murdered as the result of a well-laid plot is daily becoming more and more apparent in the minds of the police.

**HISTORIANS TO PAY TRIBUTE.**  
Local Society to Observe Birthday of William McKinley.

Following its annual custom, the United States Historical Society of the District of Columbia will celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the late President William McKinley at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church to-night at 8 o'clock.

It has been arranged that each person in attendance shall wear a red carnation—"the McKinley flower"—and that a section of the Marine Band will furnish music for the occasion, playing a number of selections between 7:30 and 8 o'clock, while the assembly is gathering.

Henry A. Coleman, president of the society, will preside, and a special program of addresses, music and recitations has been prepared.

The programme will be substantially as follows:  
Call to order and brief address by the president of the society, Rev. W. F. Brown, of Pittsburg, Pa.

Women of the sixteen Women's Relief Corps of the District, dressed in the colors of the church parties, will march into the auditorium, headed by Isabelle W. Ball, District of Columbia president, to the strains of a march played by the Marine Band. Each section of the procession will carry a flag, and representatives of the Relief Corps will place the McKinley flag on the altar rail.

Recitation, "My Flag of Olden Days," by Miss Josephine Olden Thomsen.  
Soprano solo, "Strains of Peace," by Mrs. Inez Seymore Melburn.

Address, "McKinley: The Man, Soldier, and Statesman," by ex-Senator John M. Thurston.  
Song, "Star Spangled Banner," by Mrs. Anne Grant Pugh.

Address, "McKinley: The Man, Soldier, and Statesman," by ex-Senator John M. Thurston.  
Song, "Ava Marie," by Mrs. McDowell, accompanied by the Marine Band.

Singing of "America" by the congregation, led by the Marine Band.

A number of the members of Congress, some of the United States Supreme Court, and other members of the judiciary and prominent officials of the government have accepted invitations to be present.

**BRIDAL PAIR IN HIDING.**  
Count and Countess Szechenyi Have Not Arrived in Newport.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 28.—While Count and Countess Szechenyi are generally supposed to be spending their honeymoon in Newport, up to this evening they had not arrived. There is only one of the Vanderbilt places here where they could stay. This is Oakland Farm, the Portsmouth home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

"The Breakers," the home of the bride's mother, is closed for the winter; the living apartments of Sandy Point Farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, are also closed, and assurances to-night are that the count and his bride are not at "Oakland" with Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who returned from the wedding this morning.

Every train and boat that has arrived in Newport since the wedding has been watched by curious crowds.

**May Be a Housebreaker.**  
Jersey Lewis, colored, eighteen years old, of 324 C street southwest, was arrested last night on a charge of housebreaking by Detectives Parham and O'Brien, of the Central office. The police say Lewis is responsible for a number of show-cage robberies in the last two months.

**Give an Annual Ball.**  
The fourth annual ball will be given by the crew of the U. S. S. Mayflower of Navy Yard Hall, Monday evening. Vocal selections will be rendered by the Metropolitan Quartet. Dancing commences at 8:15 o'clock.

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**SEASON'S OPENING MEETING.**  
Knights of Columbus Have an Evening of Entertainment.

An entertainment was given at a meeting of the Washington Council of the Knights of Columbus in K. of C. Hall, 605 E street northwest, last night. This was the opening meeting for this season under the new staff of officers for this year.

Those who contributed to the entertainment were: Melville Hensley, tenor; William A. Morsell, singer; Leroy, magician; Arthur Middleton, bass, and the Alexandria Ideal Mandolin Club. Leroy allowed himself to be handcuffed and bound and tied in a bag and put in a box, from which he liberated himself.

The council voted a testimonial to the retiring grand knight, James S. Easby-Smith. Dr. Wilson presided.

**YOUTHFUL BEGGAR ARRESTED.**  
Lawrence Barry, Aged Six, Taken in Charge by the Police.

On a charge of vagrancy, Lawrence Barry, six years old, living at 139 Purdy's Court northwest, was arrested last night by the police of the First precinct. For several weeks the prisoner is said to have lived almost entirely in the streets and to have made it a habit of begging in office buildings.

The matter was brought to the attention of Judge De Lacy, of the Juvenile Court, who took steps to have the little fellow arrested, in order that efforts may be made to secure him a more suitable home.

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